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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 6, 8-28, 30-37 and 39-47 are pending in the subject application. Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Rejection of Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 11-13, 16, 30, 33, 34, 39-41, 43-45 and 47 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 11-13, 16, 30, 33, 34, 39-41, 43-45 and 47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over Robarts *et al.* (US Patent 6,842,877), hereinafter Robarts. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested for at least the following reason. Robarts does not disclose each and every limitation of the claims.

A single prior art reference anticipates a patent claim only if it expressly or inherently describes *each and every limitation* set forth in the patent claim. *Trintec Industries, Inc. v. Top-U.S.A. Corp.*, 295 F.3d 1292, 63 USPQ2d 1597 (Fed. Cir. 2002); *See Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). The *identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the ... claim*. *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 9 USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989) (emphasis added).

All of the claims recite the limitations the interface provides *a filtered view* of one or more prioritized notifications in response to user input, the filtered view *highlighting properties* of the one or more prioritized notifications and *implemented in multiple dimensions* and wherein the interface provides for *toggling the filtered view on and off* or similar limitations. Robarts does not disclose this novel aspect of the subject claims. For at least the foregoing reasons, applicants' representative respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn and that the subject claims be allowed.

II. Rejection of Claim 6 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Robarts and Subramonian *et al.* (US Patent 6,701,362) hereinafter Subramonian. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested for at least the following reason. Claim 6 depends from claim 1, which

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is allowable as explained *supra*. Accordingly, applicants' representative respectfully requests that the subject claim be allowed.

III. Rejection of Claims 10 and 26 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 10 and 26 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Robarts and Tanaka (US Patent 5,471,399). Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested for at least the following reason. Claim 10 has been cancelled and claim 26 depends from claim 1, which is allowable as explained *supra*. Accordingly, applicants' representative respectfully requests that claim 26 be allowed.

IV. Rejection of Claims 14, 17, 18, 20-22, 31, 35 and 42 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 14, 17, 18, 20-22, 31, 35 and 42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Robarts and Wichelman (US Patent 6,590,587). Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested for at least the following reason. Claims 14, 17, 20-22 and 31 depend from claim 1 and claim 35 depends from claim 34, both of which are allowable as explained *supra*. Accordingly, applicants' representative respectfully requests that the subject claims be allowed.

V. Rejection of Claim 15 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 15 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Robarts and Battat (US Patent 6,289,380). Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested for at least the following reason. Claim 15 depends from claim 1, which is allowable as explained *supra*. Accordingly, applicants' representative respectfully requests that the subject claim be allowed.

VI. Rejection of Claim 19 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Robarts, Wichelman and Simonoff (US Patent 6,078,322). Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested for at least the following reason. Claim 19 depends from claim 1, which is allowable as explained *supra*. Accordingly, applicants' representative respectfully requests that claim 19 be allowed.

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VII. Rejection of Claims 23-25, 32 and 46 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 23-25, 32 and 46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Robarts and Giles (US Patent 6,437,812). Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested for at least the following reason. Claims 23-25 and 32 depend from claim 1, which is allowable as explained *supra*. Claim 46 recites the limitation a *multiple dimension filter* to filter a view of the plurality of prioritized notifications in response to feedback, the filtered view *highlighting properties of the plurality of prioritized notifications* and an input component to *toggle the multiple dimension filter on and off*. As explained *supra*, Robarts does not disclose this novel aspect of the subject claims. Accordingly, applicants' representative respectfully requests that the subject claims be allowed.

VIII. Rejection of Claims 26 and 27 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 26 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Robarts, Giles and Simonoff. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested for at least the following reason. Claims 26 and 27 depend from claim 1, which is allowable as explained *supra*. Accordingly, applicants' representative respectfully requests that the subject claims be allowed.

IX. Rejection of Claim 36 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 36 has been cancelled.

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The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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